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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington DC

Dear Mr President,

I am writing to appeal for your intervention to end the violations of human rights in Tunisia.

According to reliable reports, the Tunisian authorities have arrested in recent months a number (we have a list of 47 names and the arrests are continuing) of leaders and workers of the opposition in Tunisia and are poised to inflict Draconian punishments on them, including capital punishment. To the best of our belief, the persons arrested, and those under order of arrest, are victims of political vendetta and have not committed any criminal offence.

Mr President, as leader of the world's most powerful nation, and as an avowed believer in the sanctity of human rights, I hope you will use your good offices and influence to prevail upon the Tunisian government to stop victimisation of political dissidents. Might I add that time is of the essence as some of those arrested are threatened with execution.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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